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Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claims 1-10 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-10 have been amended to remove any indefiniteness.

Claims 1-10 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §101, because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-10 as amended claim statutory subject matter. Amended claims 1-10 utilize a scanner that scans mail faces to aid a carrier in the determination of the location of a missing person while the carrier is automatically processing mail.

In view of the above, claims 1-10 as amended are patentable. If the Examiner has any questions, would she please telephone the undersigned at the telephone number noted below.

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